

# **EXHIBIT 34**

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

5 NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT  
6 OF COLORED PEOPLE, SPRING VALLEY BRANCH,

7 Plaintiff,

8 v. 17 Civ. 8943

9 EAST RAMAPO CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, et al.

Defendants.

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## DEPOSITION OF ARON WIEDER

New York, New York

Wednesday, October 10, 2018

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23      Reported by:

24 LEONORA L. WALKER

25      JOB NO. 149147

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2 A R O N W I E D E R

3 The witness herein, having first been duly affirmed by  
4 a Notary Public for the State of New York was  
5 questioned and responded as follows:

6 THE COURT REPORTER: State your name and  
7 address for the record, please.

8 THE WITNESS: Aron Wieder. My address?

9 My home address?

10                           15 Dorsett Road, Spring Valley, New York  
11                           10977.

## 12 EXAMINATION BY

13 MR. MANGAS:

14 Q Good morning, Mr. Wieder.

15 A Good morning.

16 Q Have you been deposed before?

17 A No.

18 Q Since it's your first time I'll be  
19 brief, but I'll give a couple of ground rules that  
20 hopefully that will make the day go a little more  
21 smoothly.

22 Number one, is I'm going to try to ask  
23 my questions clearly so that you understand them. If  
24 there's anything about my questions today that you  
25 don't understand, will you please let me know and ask

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2 MR. CRAVENS: Objection to the form.

3                   A                   Correct.                   12:40

4 Q But notwithstanding that, you understand  
5 that the decisions made to control or reduce the public  
6 budget when they have an impact on public schools that 12:40  
7 the impact is primarily felt by black and latino  
8 students, correct?

9 MR. CRAVENS: Objection to form. 12:40

10 A Can you ask the question again?

11 Q Sure. You understand that policies,

12 budget cuts, or budget control of the public schools, 12:40  
13 those policies primarily impact students who are black  
14 or latino, correct?

15 A Correct. 12:41

16 Q In paragraph 30 you say, to my knowledge  
17 the Orthodox and Hasidic Jewish communities do not use  
18 a formal slating process. 12:41

19 What's a formal slating process?

20 A Formal slating process, what I would  
21 mean to say is that for the most part, as least as far 12:41  
22 as I know, people are interested and they become  
23 candidates for whatever reason there might be, and once  
24 they are candidates, people, leaders in the community 12:42  
25 will then try to find out a little bit more about all

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the candidates and then make a decision who to endorse.

3 Q So in the context of East Ramapo school 12:42  
4 board elections, the first step is the community  
5 leaders will interview and speak to potential  
6 candidates in the community, correct? 12:42

7 MR. CRAVENS: Objection to the form.

8 A You're going to have to explain that to  
9 me because as I said, I can only speak for me. I can 12:43  
10 only speak for my candidacy, so my candidacy I was  
11 approached by one person. He felt I should run. I  
12 decided to run. Once I became a candidate, I then went 12:43  
13 to others, other leaders in the community and I asked  
14 them for their support.

15 Q The person that you were referring to 12:43  
16 was Rabbi Horowitz?

17 A Yes.

18 Q What is the process for speaking to and 12:43  
19 endorsing candidates for the school board?

20                   A            There is many. It's all sort of  
21    communities. Many leaders, many rabbis, activists,           12:43  
22    many people.

23 O About how many?

24 A I wouldn't be able to tell you. 12:43

25 Q More than ten?

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